

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
Xiaodong Duan, et al.

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For: METHOD AND SYSTEM
FOR DISTRIBUTED
OPTICAL PERFORMANCE
MONITOR IN OPTICAL
NETWORKS

Group Art Unit: 2613

Examiner: Nathan M. Curs

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Dear Sir:

SECOND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED MARCH 21, 2007

In response to the Final Office Action dated March 21, 2007 having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on June 21, 2007, and an Advisory Action dated June 4, 2007, please enter this response and Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. 1.114 and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. Although Applicants believe that no additional fees are due in connection with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/AVAN/001104/WCG for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.